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This is a Request for filing a	x	continuation-in-part
		continuation
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application under 37 CFR 1.53 of prior patent application Serial No. 10/462,442 filed on June 16, 2003, entitled **MULTIPURPOSE FLOW CONTROL DEVICE**, which is a continuation-in-part of a co-pending prior patent application Serial No. 10/178,606 filed June 24, 2002 by the following named inventor(s):

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- ☒ 1. The specification (fifty-nine (59) pages) and twelve (12) sheets of figures (Fig.1-19) are enclosed.
- _____ 2. A preliminary amendment (___ pages) is enclosed. By way of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims ___ are remaining.
- _____ 3. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application *as amended at 2 above*.
- ☒ 4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the subject application.
- _____ 5. This application is directed to non-elected subject matter initially presented in parent application.

Large Entity

Claims	(1) For	(2) Number filed	(3) Number extra	(4) Rate	(5) Calculations
	Total Claims	- 20	0	X \$ 18.00	\$
	Independent Claims	- 3	0	X \$ 86.00	\$
	Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$ 290.00	\$
			Basic Fee		+ \$ 770.00
		Total of above Calculations =			\$
				Other	\$
				TOTAL	\$0.00

Small Entity

Claims	(1) For	(2) Number filed	(3) Number extra	(4) Rate	(5) Calculations
	Total Claims	70- 20	50	X \$ 9.00	\$ 450.00
	Independent Claims	6- 3	3	X \$ 43.00	\$ 129.00
	Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$ 145.00	
			Basic Fee		\$ 385.00
		Total of above Calculations =			\$
				Other	\$
				TOTAL	\$964.00

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required filing fee of \$964.00 and any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501402. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
	A copy of the prior Declaration (executed) and a subsequent Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney (executed) are enclosed.
	Amend the specification by changing the first sentence to read:


This application is a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	continuation-in-part
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This application claims the benefit of small entity status.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Priority of U.S. application Serial No. 10/462,442 filed June 16, 2003 and Serial No. 10/178,606 filed June 24, 2002.
	Priority of U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. _____ filed on _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(e)
	The Prior Application is assigned of record to: a copy of the Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73 is attached hereto.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A copy of an unexecuted Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Petition of the prior application is enclosed.
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